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Earnings Increase In Second Quarter

Net income for the second quarter 1974 was \$2,990,000, an increase of 2 percent from \$2,929,000 for the same period in 1973. This gain was insufficient to offset the decline recorded in the first quarter, and earnings for the first six months, \$5,694,000, were \$347,000 below the first half of 1973.

In the second quarter the company received a tax refund from prior years of \$712,000. A portion of this refund is included in the earnings for the second quarter; the remainder will be included in earnings of the third and fourth quarters. This refund has the effect of reducing the anticipated Federal income tax rate for the year.

the Collected Colorado Rail Annual

Since 1963 the Colorado Railroad Museum has published the Colorado Rail Annual. The volumes grew from modest paper-bound to book-length clothbound volumes. Most early editions have been out of print. The demand for articles in these early editions has been so great the Museum has gathered all 26 out of print articles from 1963 - 1969 into one deluxe volume.

Topics cover a wide range from Rio Grande narrow gauge to Silverton, Cumbres, Alamosa-Durango, and Royal Gorge; South Park over Boreas and Alpine; standard gauge steam from San Luis Valley and Pueblo to Laramie and Cheyenne; and narrow gauge from Pennsylvania to Mexico and Alaska.

The 8 1/2 x 11 book is handsomely bound, profusely illustrated and the fascinating reading would be a distinctive addition to any collectors book shelf.

Copies may be obtained from Colorado Railroad Museum, Box 10, Golden, Colo. 80401, at \$8.50 per copy. (Colorado residents should add tax.)

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Silverman Named Purchasing Agent

Stanley A. Silverman was appointed Rio Grande purchasing agent on July 1, succeeding Ralph Williams who retired effective that date.



Silverman joined the Rio Grande as a messenger in the General Telegraph Office at Denver on November 2, 1937. He subsequently held positions as clerk, Pass Bureau; clerk, Asst. General Managers Office; steno-clerk, Chief of Personnel; steno-clerk, General Managers Office; appointed secretary, Office of Chief Mechanical Officer; chief clerk, Chief Mechanical Office; research analyst, Operations & Economics Research Dept.; and appointed asst. purchasing agent on March 31, 1970.

He spent three years in the U. S. Army during World War II, attaining the rank of staff sergeant.

Silverman and wife, Eileen, have five children and make their home at 515 W. Easter at Littleton, Colo.

Hospital Coverage and the 60-30 Retirement Program

Members of the Rio Grande Employees Hospital Association who plan to retire under the 60-30 Program which went into effect July 1, may continue their membership in the Hospital Association by paying \$25.00 per month, quarterly in advance, directly to the Hospital Association. They may also include their spouse and family in the Hospital Association Medical Plan.

The coverage for these retired members is the same as for active members.

For further information, contact the Hospital Association directly at 1108 - 15th St., Denver, Colo. 80202, or call 623-8443.

On the Cover

One of Rio Grande's GP-40s is at the headend of a train as it winds its way near Helper, Utah, with a backdrop of a steep cliff of eroded rock in this 1970 photo by Donald Sims.

E.B. Herdman Dies

E. B. "Bert" Herdman, retired director of personnel, passed away June 22.

Herdman, born on May 20, 1897, in Birmingham, England, where he received his education, came to the United States in 1916 and started his railroad career as a brakeman on the CCC&St.L.

He joined the Rio Grande in 1943 as an assistant trainmaster at Provo. He was named manager of personnel in 1949, director of personnel in 1952, and retired in 1967.

Herdman was a member of North Platte Masonic Lodge; Royal Order of Jesters, Pueblo; Union League Club of Chicago; El Jebel Shrine, Denver; Denver Athletic Club; and a member of the National Railway Labor Conference.

He is survived by his widow, Rae; a daughter, a son, two stepsons and six grandchildren.

Did You Know?

Railroads haul almost as much intercity freight as motor carriers, water carriers and airlines combined.

The percentage of intercity freight handled by Railroads, 38.7%; Motor Carriers, 23.0%; Oil Pipelines, 22.3%; Water Carriers, 15.8%; and Airlines 2%.

Or...that railroads provide

75% of all transportation for the nation's coal—including most of that used to generate electricity.

76% for all new autos and auto parts.

74% for all frozen and canned foods.

64% for all chemicals—including those used in water purification.

73% for all cotton for textile mills.

60% for all manufactured products.

71% for all household appliances.

86% for all pulp and paper.

78% for all lumber and wood.

68% for all concrete, gypsum and plaster.

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"Our new neighbors are so darling," observed Mrs. Wife. "Every time he leaves for work or goes shopping, he tenderly kisses his fair lady farewell."

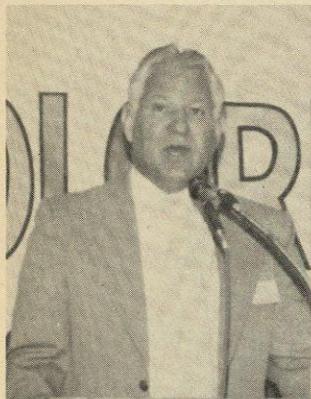
Mr. Husband grunted and continued reading his newspaper.

"Why don't you do that once in awhile?" she demanded.

Mr. Husband just grunted again and replied, "I don't even know her and besides what would her husband do?"

Rio Grande

National Safety Meeting Held



R. E. DAVIS, superintendent of safety and rules, Colorado Division, was the moderator at the 54th Annual Membership Meeting, AAR Safety Section.



JACK AYER, Jr., vice president of technical services, Rio Grande, was one of the key speakers.



E. L. McCULLOCH, vice president and national representative, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, spoke on Problem Definition and Problem Solving — A Key to Safety.



J. W. INGRAM, administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, gave the main address at the session on June 25, on the aims and responsibilities of the FRA.

The Fifty-Fourth Annual Membership Meeting of the Association of American Railroads, Safety Section, was held at the Holiday Inn Central in Colorado Springs, June 24-26, 1974. Jack Ayer, Jr., vice president of technical services, and A. H. Nance, superintendent of the Colorado Division, were among the key speakers on the program.

Bus tours were arranged for those in attendance to the Department of Transportation (DTC) Pueblo Test Center for a briefing on the latest developments. Other tours available for those desiring to attend were the Cog Railroad to the top of Pikes Peak and through the Garden of the Gods to the U. S. Air Force Academy.

Coors to Build Porcelain Plant at Grand Junction

Coors Porcelain Co. of Golden plans to build a new 150,000 sq. ft. porcelain plant at Grand Junction on a 30-acre site located 1 1/2 miles west of the city adjacent to the Rio Grande Railroad and the Colorado River. The facilities will include a waste treatment plant.

The new plant will manufacture Coor's internationally marketed technical ceramic products.

Some of the products now manufactured at Golden, which include automobile water pumps, computer circuit boards, insulators and tubes for sodium-vapor lamps, will be made at the Grand Junction plant.

Coor's Porcelain is the world's largest producer of technical ceramics and chemical porcelain with head-

quarters at Golden. Their two Golden plants employ more than 1,700.

According to R. Derald Whiting, president of Coor's Porcelain, several sites in Colorado were considered, but the firm chose Grand Junction because of its "excellent work force, climate and transportation."

Construction of the Coors plant at Grand Junction in the spring of 1975 will bring to four plants in their ceramic field, which include two plants at Golden and the Wilbanks, Inc. plant at Hillsboro, Oregon, which they purchased last February. The Wilbanks plant is a leading manufacturer of ceramics for the pulp and paper industry.

Fibreboard Corp. To Locate Plant At Fruita

A multi-million dollar industrial insulation manufacturing plant will be built by Fibreboard Corporation of San Francisco near Fruita with construction expected to begin in October.

The plant will be located between I-70 and U.S. 6-50 just west of Fruita. It will have 175,000 square feet under one roof and will include manufacturing, laboratory, research, warehousing and office facilities.

It will be the nation's largest high-temperature insulation plant, similar in design to the Fibreboard plant in operation at Gramling, La., but from 65 to 70 percent larger.

Expected to be ready for operation by the middle of 1976, the plant will employ about 125 persons on a seven-day, three-shift-a-day schedule.

Insulation systems consisting of asbestos-free calcium silicate blocks, pipe covering up to 24 inches in diameter and aluminum and stainless steel jacketing will be manufactured at the Fruita plant.

The primary raw material in the blocks will be diatomaceous (silica) earth from the Reno, Nevada area.

The insulation will meet increasing needs for such a product in the oil shale, power generation and process industries in the Four Corners area, and the Athabasca tar sands project in Alberta, Canada.

The company also expects to cover the midwest as well as the northwest to include the Alaskan oil development.

A spur track from Rio Grande's main line is expected to handle 99 percent of incoming materials and 90 percent of outgoing materials.

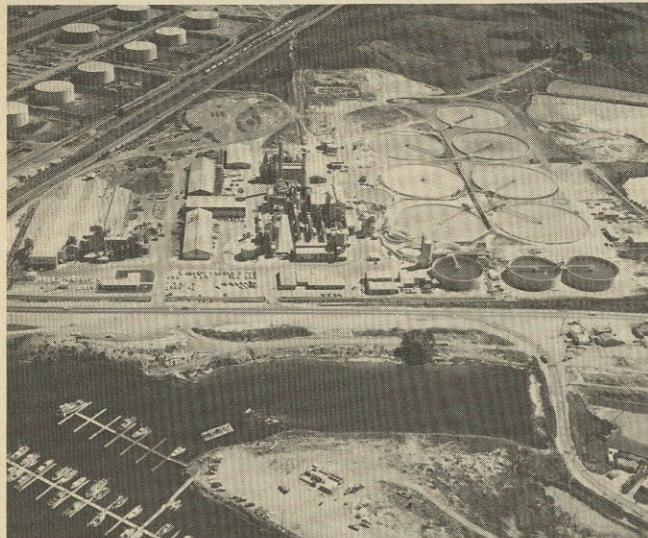
Reaching Out

... to the Bay Region—Northern California

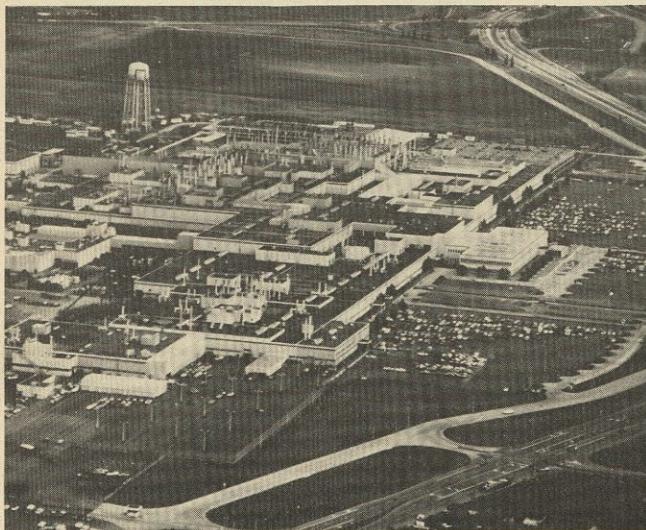
The focus this month is on Rio Grande's traffic representatives in the Bay Area of Northern California.

Industries in the area include lumber, food, automobile, automotive supplies, steel, aluminum, oil, paint and soap products.

Many of the products are shipped from the West Coast to points in the midwest and east. Rio Grande presents some of the companies this month in *Green Light*.



MOSS LANDING, California is the site of KAISER ALUMINUM & CHEMICAL plant. This plant produces magnesia and basic refractories. Shipments from Moss Landing are by rail to Utah, Colorado and other points in the United States.



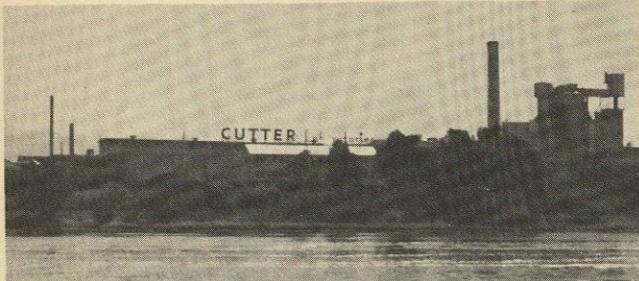
GENERAL MOTORS ASSEMBLY DIVISION PLANT at Fremont, California assembled 176,000 passenger cars and 114,000 light duty trucks during the 1973 model year. Expansion of facilities to be completed this year will increase productive capacity of the truck line by about 30%. The plant services General Motors dealers in 14 western states.



RIO GRANDE'S SALES FORCE in the San Francisco Bay Area are Clipper E. Mills, regional manager, seated, and standing from left, Larry J. Poelstra, district manager, Oakland, Alex G. Shearer, district manager, San Jose, Morgan V. Lighter, district representative, Oakland, Jack McMillen, district manager, Santa Rosa, and Woddy W. Williams, customer service representative.



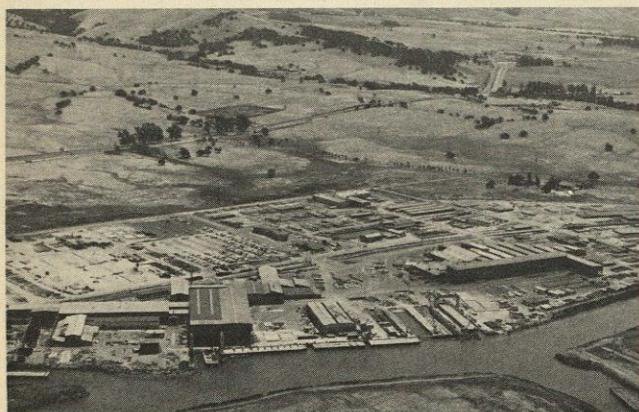
THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY, as seen from the air, is located at Scotia, California, 25 miles from Eureka. This mill started in 1869 and specialized in the production of redwood. The company has its own railroad from the timber area, which consists of 165,000 acres of prime redwood forest land. Pacific has a perpetual growth system in that trees are cut only as fast as they are grown.



CUTTER LABORATORIES, INC., headquartered at Berkeley, Calif. has been a major producer of pharmaceutical and other hospital products since 1897. Cutter products found in hospitals throughout the world range from intravenous solutions to disposable plastic equipment to life-saving drugs. A fairly recent addition is Cutter's entrance into the consumer field with first aid kits and insect repellents. In addition to the headquarters plant pictured here, Cutter Laboratories has four other production facilities throughout the United States.



The newest and most modern engine, transmission and carrier manufacturing facility in the world is **MACK TRUCKS, Inc.**, in Hagerstown, Md. One million five hundred thousand square feet, under roof, houses the newest machine tools, totally computerized. Mack drive train components are produced here for the company's two factories, Allentown, Pa. and Hayward, Calif. The Hayward factory builds Mack "Western" Model truck, currently production is 22 trucks per day.



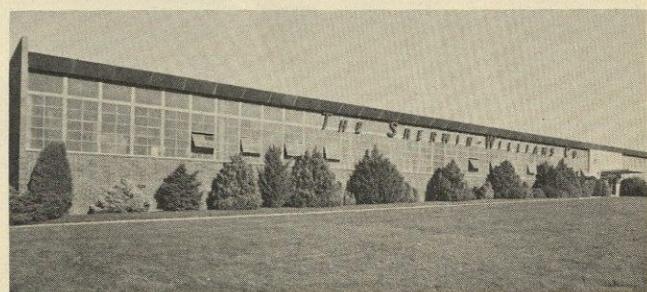
KAISER STEEL CORPORATION's Napa, California plant, operated by the Metal Products Division, is located about 50 miles north of San Francisco. Situated in a largely agricultural area, the plant includes a major fabricating facility, shown on the left, and a large diameter pipe mill, seen on the right. The plant's fabricating capabilities range from pressure vessels and machinery to components for offshore drilling structures. The pipe mill is capable of turning out pipe up to 42 inches in diameter for oil and gas transmission. The plant also includes four drydocks shown facing the river in the lower right. Their headquarters are located at Oakland, Calif.



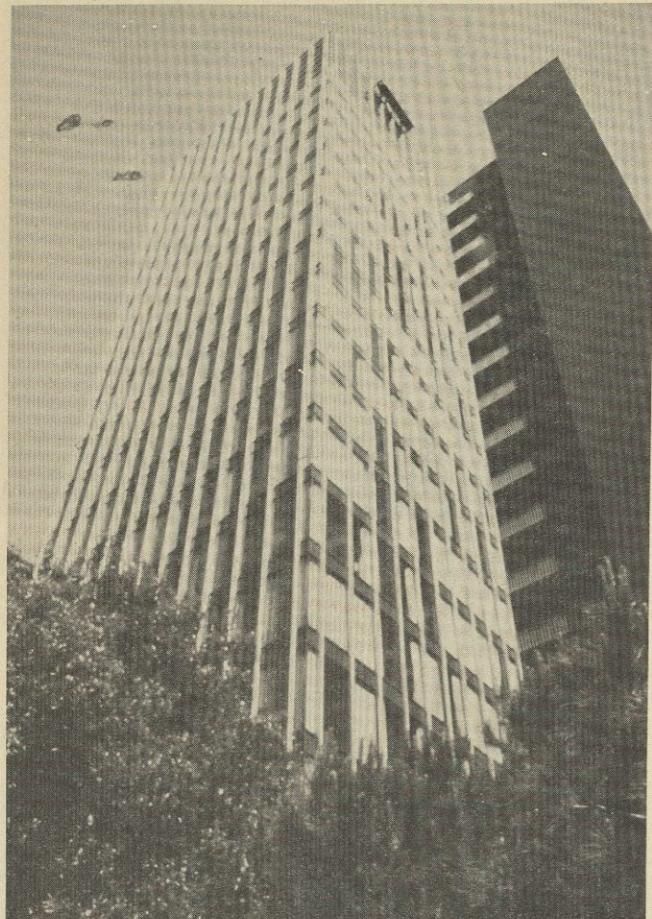
STANDARD OIL OF CALIFORNIA, Richmond; California's refinery is located on 2,900 acres along San Francisco Bay. 2,250 employees process 190,000 barrels of crude oil every day to produce petroleum and petroleum chemical products. Both crude oil and the finished products move by rail to and from the plant.



SUNLAND MARKETING, INC., world's largest dried fruit packer, makes its home in Menlo Park, California. Through such subsidiaries as Sunsweet Growers, Sunmaid Raisin Growers and Valley Fig Growers, they market and distribute dried prunes, apricots, peaches, pears, apples, raisins and figs. Sunsweet alone has some 1,400 grower members.



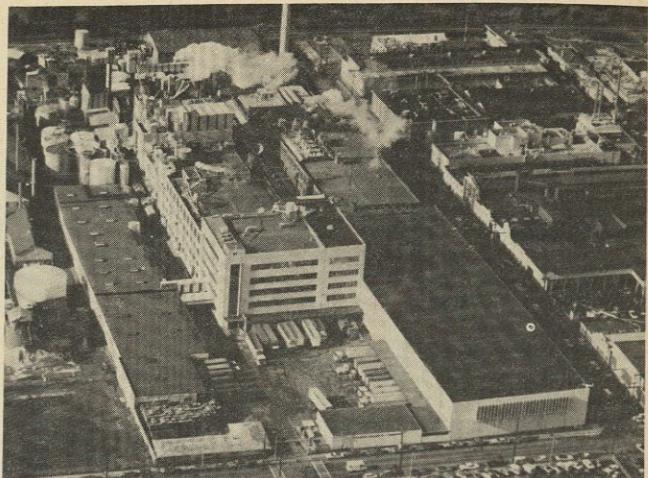
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY. A broad lawn and extensive landscaping make an attractive setting for The Sherwin-Williams Container Plant located at San Leandro, Calif. The plant employs approximately 200 people and produces over 250,000 containers per day. The plant's widely varied containers are designed for paints, plastics, various oils and chemicals, automotive products and food items. The Sherwin-Williams Company has been producing metal containers since 1874 and the San Leandro Plant went into production in 1955. Company headquarters are in Cleveland, Ohio with container plants located in four cities.



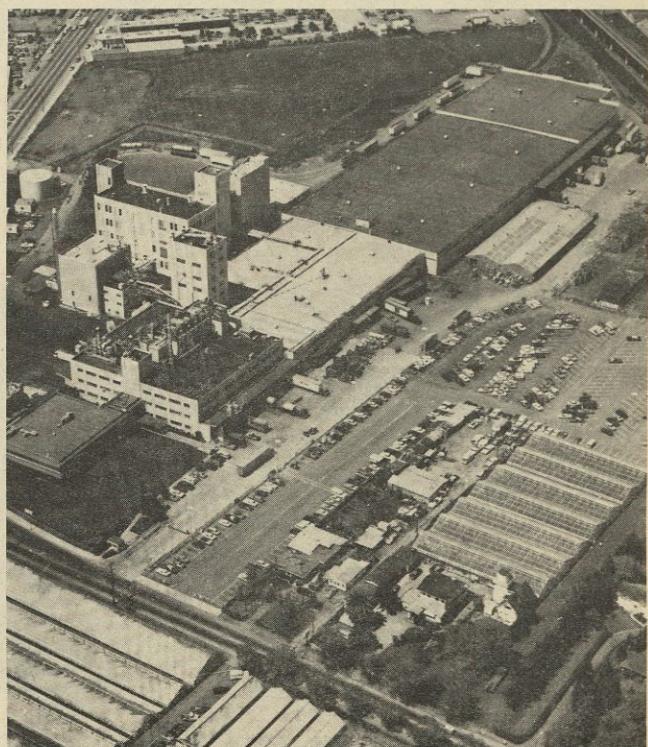
CROWN ZELLERBACH CORPORATION, headquartered in San Francisco, is a world leader in the pulp and paper industry with sales well in excess of \$1 billion. A multi-divisional though integrated company is a leading producer of paper products, corrugated containers, flexible packaging, as well as lumber and plywood for the specialty building materials market, poles and pilings; in addition, it is a western states major distributor through its Zellerbach Paper Company and runs retail building materials outlets throughout western Canada. Paper production is in excess of 3 million tons annually with nearly 60% of the volume moving by rail.



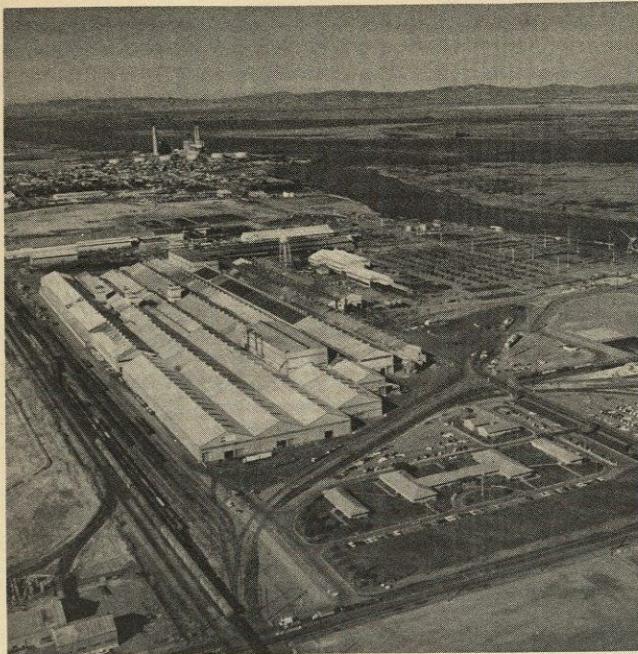
ARCATA REDWOOD COMPANY'S main plant located on Humboldt Bay near Eureka, California. This firm also has an Industrial Products Division, located near Arcata, California, which is devoted to the production of cut stock from old growth redwood timber.



COLGATE-PALMOLIVE CO., Berkeley, Calif. Innovation has been the key to Colgate-Palmolive's successful growth by establishing new products to meet the changing demands of people throughout the world. They were the first to produce toothpaste in collapsible tubes in 1890. Their world-wide sales of \$1 million in 1972 was generated by more recent efforts. New products were developed, as evidenced by the recent introduction of Irish Spring Deodorant Soap, by broadening the base of their product line by acquiring the Kendall Company which has placed them in the rapidly growing health care market. Two examples of Kendall's many product lines which range from surgical dressings to hockey sticks are Curad "Ouchless" plastic bandages and Curity Tape-Tab disposable diapers. Colgate products can be found in 95% of American homes.



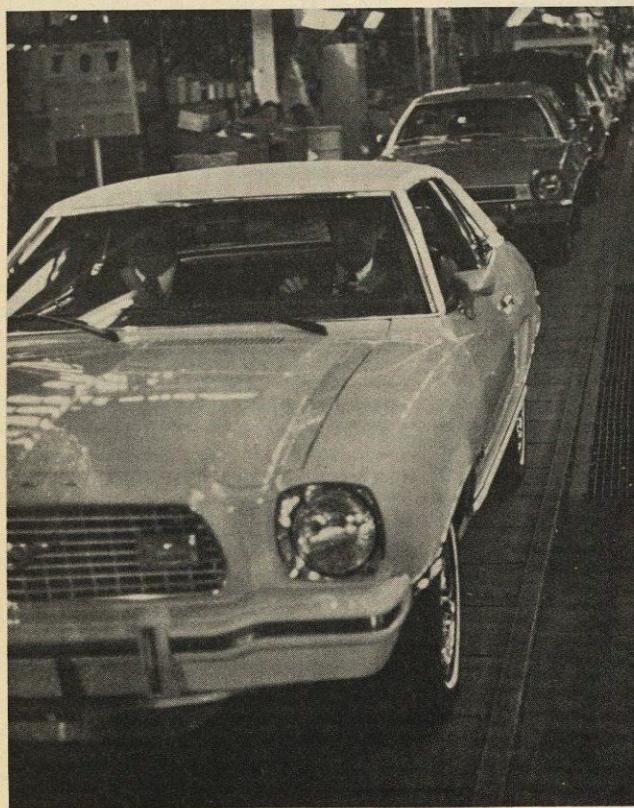
GENERAL FOODS CORPORATION'S West Coast production is centered in its four-story San Leandro plant. The company processes Maxwell House, Yuban and Max-Pac coffees; Jell-O Gelatin desserts, puddings and pie fillings; Log Cabin syrups and Tang Instant Breakfast Drink. The processing plant and the adjoining District Sales and Distribution Center employ approximately 500 men and women. At other locations General Foods produces Birds Eye frozen foods, Post Cereals and a wide variety of other well-known grocery items.



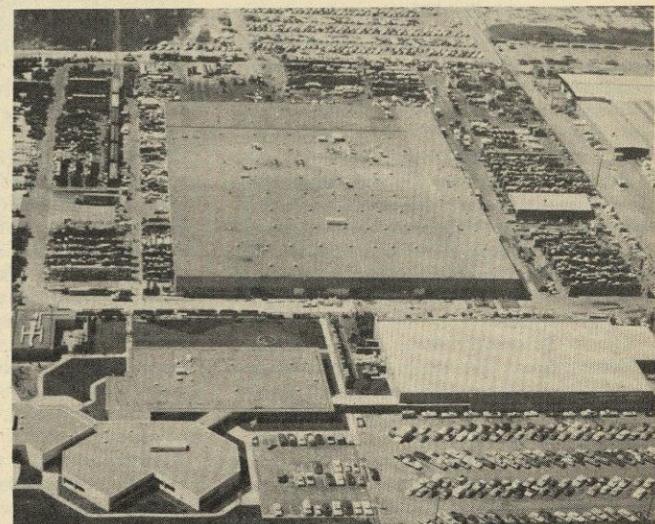
U. S. STEEL'S PITTSBURG WORKS is located in Costra County on the banks of the San Joaquin River. One of the most diverse steel plants in the country, it serves customers throughout the West. Its principal products include tinplate, galvanized steel sheets, wire and wire products (nails; wire rope and strand, chain link fencing) and small diameter steel pipe. Their headquarters are located in San Francisco. Pittsburg, Calif. and Geneva, Utah plants are included in their divisions.



Hawaii based *CASTLE & COOKE, INC.*, is the parent of such subsidiaries as Castle & Cooke Foods, Arneson Products (Sweet-Pool), West Foods and Oceanic Properties. Through their subsidiary, Castle & Cooke Foods, they have farms, plants and fisheries producing pineapples, bananas, mushrooms and fish. They also market and distribute corporate brands such as Dole Pineapple, Dole Bananas, Bumble Bee Seafoods, and Shady Oak Mushrooms. Their offices at San Jose handle the transportation in the states.



FORD MOTOR COMPANY gave the Bay Area a boost when they began producing the Mustang II at their San Jose assembly plant. More than 600 employees had to be hired at time with an additional 1,000 hired for a second car-line shift two months later. Fifteen Mustangs can be loaded on a rail car for shipment to points throughout the United States.



PETERBILT MOTORS COMPANY, a division of PACCAR, Inc., is located at Newark, Calif. Their facility covers 36 acres of land with 220,000 square feet of plant facilities, 25,000 square feet of office space and 5,000 square feet for the parts department and warehouse. Over 13,000 persons are employed by the company. Peterbilt also has a plant at Madison, Tenn. which employs over 1,000. Sales in 1974 will approach \$225 million and their share of the heavy-duty truck market will approach 7 percent, up from 25 percent last year.

Rail CHATTER on the Grande

System Mech. Officer Melvin Henley Dies

Melvin J. Henley, system mechanical officer in the Chief Mechanical Office; died July 6 after a short illness.

Born in Denver on October 12, 1921, graduating from West High School in 1939, he joined the Rio Grande as an apprentice carman on February 19, 1940. He worked in the Car Dept. as carman, appointed

steel shop foreman in 1953, asst. general car foreman in 1959, division car foreman in 1968, system mechanical inspector in October 1973, and appointed system mechanical officer on March 1, 1974.

A member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and the Elks Club, he was married to Mary E. Cain on March 13, 1943 in Denver. He served in World War II.

Surviving, in addition to his widow, are two daughters, his mother, a brother and two sisters.

Grand Junction

By W. J. Kiefer

Congratulations to Joseph Mendicelli who was one of the winners at the art show on contemporary paintings on July 26 at the Western Colorado Center for the Arts at Grand Junction.

Joe, a Mesa College art student, won the Fruita Merchants Award. His painting, "Nikki's Daily Walk" won a \$50 silver seal and a balsa wood plaque. Nikki was drawn from several scenes including a house in Clifton. He uses pointalism, a collection of dots which form an image. He is the son of Joseph Mendicelli, locomotive engineer.

Recent vacationers were Gerald Jonas, trainman, to see the sights at Yellowstone Park; Wilbur Lucore, road foreman of equipment, worked on his mountain cabin; and Lou Ficklin, trainmaster, went on a European trip.

E. E. Albers, retired welder, would like to thank all who were at his retirement party. The Albers are now in Florida. He was presented with a fishing rod, and Mrs. Albers received some flowers.

Joe Golden, retired trainman, plans to see some of Colorado and probably end up in Brownsville, Texas, for the winter.

Tom Lynch, retired agent, and wife left July 28 for a trip to Ireland. They will be joined by their son, Jerry, in Washington, D.C., and will fly to Dublin. After a few days in Dublin, they will make a tour of Ireland, a brief stay in London and return home August 20.



Electricians Mate 3rd Class Adrian Culver, son of C. R. Culver, has graduated from the Naval Nuclear Power School at Vallejo, Calif. For the next six months he will be at the Prototype School operated by Westinghouse at Idaho Falls, Idaho. Upon completion, he will be able to do about anything with atomic power. Don't push the wrong button, Adrian.

The Rio Grande Bowling League will start the 1974-75 season November 9. Those wishing to bowl should contact Tom Lynch, secretary, as soon as possible.

Ogden

By W. O. "Toots" Furniss

A retirement party was held at the Mansion House at Ogden on July 3 for C. M. Combs, combination foreman, and W. E. Hamblin, section foreman.

Combs joined the Moffat Road as a machinist helper at Utah Junction on August 1, 1927. He saw service as carman helper and carman with the Moffat, transferring to Burnham when the D&SL and Rio Grande consolidated in 1948. Among positions held with the Rio Grande were locomotive carpenter, carman inspector and on March 1, 1952, appointed combination foreman at Ogden, the position he held at retirement.

He was presented with a retirement gift of money to help with plans to see some new places, which may include a trip to Spain in November.

Hamblin joined the Rio Grande as a section laborer at Park City, Utah. He became a section foreman in July, 1942, at Altus and served in this capacity at Riverton, Park City, Ray, and Sunnyside, transferring to Ogden in May, 1970, where he remained until retirement.

He was presented with an electric gold wrist watch. Plans are to do some fishing and hunting and very little putting around the house.

Best wishes to both and hope they enjoy their future plans to the fullest.

Pleased to hear that Frank Burch has retired from Provo on July 16 and is living back in Ogden at his old address.

S. L. George is planning his retirement the first of August, but the first chore on the list is a trip to the hospital for back surgery. A speedy recovery, Len, and a wonderful trip to Europe afterward.

Congratulations to the Nelson Brown family on their new baby daughter born June 5.

Congratulations to Melaine Glanville and Jerry Stephens who were married on July 25. Melaine is the daughter of B. L. Glanville, retired yardmaster-switchman.

Returning from vacations are Fay Parkinson, K. R. "Ole" Hunt, and Eldon Hardy with photos to prove his fish stories. Lamar Hansen spent most of his vacation fishing Flaming Gorge Reservoir, and his wife, Renaun, is still the champ at catching the biggest and the most.

Ruth Craig, wife of W. C. Craig, returned

from Europe where she enjoyed a wonderful vacation.

Our visitor this month was O. M. "Bus" Henrickson, retired engineer. Bus called to see old friends and to see if things were running smoothly without Bardahl. He was in the Salt Lake-Ogden pool at the time of his retirement.

Sympathy to the J. M. Haws family on the loss of Jack who passed away. Jack was a retired yardmaster at Ogden. Sincere condolences to Clela Crosbie in the loss of her mother, Isabella Green. She was the wife of John C. "Soapy" Green, who passed away in June, 1965. He was one of the well-known passenger brakemen.

Mrs. Green was our oldest member (94) and very active at the Vets' parties.

High Country Comments

By Maribee*

Summer Songs

"Wedding Bells Are Breaking Up That Old Gang Of Mine." Chris Bernstein, Salida section foreman, gained a daughter and Bunny Muir gained a son as wedding bells rang out in July for Melody Alice Muir and Timothy H. Bernstein. Tim is employed as a welder for the Rio Grande. His bride is enrolled in the nursing program at SCSC at Pueblo.

"Meet Me in St. Louis." This old time "world's fair" song isn't the theme song for the Spokane fair, but it was a vacation spot for the Logan Brookshires who retired this summer. He was a trainman. Bob Brookshire and wife of Missoula, Mont., son of Logan, took a trip through the northwest with their folks. After visiting the World's Fair, the two couples traveled to Lake Louise, Banff, Great Falls, and other Montana points.

"Hi, Neighbor." The Charles Troxels combined fraternal visits with social visits. They attended a meeting of Colorado Chapter of Eastern Star No. 2, visited friends and stopped at the Leadville depot. Charles has been retired for seven years, and it had been some time since they visited this area. They drove to Minturn, a former working place and residence and visited Mrs. Dave Williams, a niece of Mrs. Troxel.

"I Left My Heart in . . ." The Lyle Brattons chose San Diego for a vacation spot, taking a harbor cruise and touring Mission Bay Sea World. They made the trip by train to Salt Lake and boarded a plane to California. They made the return trip via the same mode of transportation.

"Travlin' On." The Clifford Gibsons have established their retirement home in Security. The Frank Gibsons of Salida, his brother, paid them a recent visit.

"I've Been Working . . ." Jack Paquette, retired conductor, used to sing that song, but now he works for his son when he comes to Leadville. Young Jack, a PSC employee, was glad to have Dad help with a patio and other construction.

George Moore's wife flew to Missouri the latter part of July to attend the funeral services for her father who passed away at Canon City, July 15. George is a carman at Minturn.

*Mary B. Cassidy

From the Tower

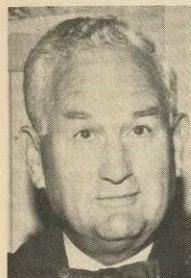
Revenue Accounting

By Dick Eggleston

Retirements seem to be coming thick and fast.

Bradford Retires

Winslow W. Bradford, auditor of revenue, applied for his annuity on June 21.



Brad, as he was so well known on the Rio Grande System, attended school at Brighton, Colo. joining the Rio Grande in June, 1927 as a clerk in the Freight and Station Accounting, now Revenue Accounting, Dept. the year he graduated from high school.

He held positions as clerk in various capacities and in bookkeeping, transferring to traveling auditor in May 1950. He was appointed chief traveling auditor in July, 1954, chief clerk in 1959. He was appointed auditor of revenue on Sept. 1, 1969, the position he held at retirement.

Brad, a seasoned bowler, was well known in Rio Grande Bowling Leagues and received his share of winning prizes. The Bradfords will make their retirement home in Denver.

June 28 saw one of our loyal fellow employees take his retirement. Ralph Fowler, who has



been with the Rio Grande since August 1952, joined the Rio Grande as a clerk in Passenger Accounts and has seen service in addition to that department in Disbursement Accounts, Car Service Records and Revenue Accounting, the department he was in at retirement.

He came from good railroad stock as his father worked on the Old Cripple Creek Railroad and the Union Pacific. Ralph also worked on the U. P. as a brakeman and switchman before joining the Grande. A native of Colorado Springs, he spent most of his childhood and early manhood in Cheyenne, Wyo. He has many varied outside interests, but was most interested in Toastmasters, where he participated in all their programs and achieved the pinnacle when he became governor of District 26.

His rebuttal to the retirement speech given by Ed Roe was spicy and colorful with philosophy and forgiveness for those who did not understand him, all the while holding an old style switchman's lantern for effect.

Best wishes from all his co-workers follow him in retirement.

Lou Cramer and wife, Ruth, returned from an Ameritour on Greyhound Bus from coast to coast and North to South. They saw many interesting sights in this unlimited tour package for around \$200. Not too bad, we would say.

Bill and Lorella McFarland visited the Accounting Dept. and were on hand for the retirement of Chad Spinner and Don Wilson. The McFarlands reside in Sun City, Ariz.

Welcome to Tom Heinlein and Bernie Hoffman, who transferred from Communications, and to Jim Jarosy, who transferred from M.I.S.

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Two clerks in this department applied for their annuities on July 31.



Donald E. Wilson joined the Rio Grande as a trucker at the Denver Freight House in July 1937. He transferred to crew caller in 1939 at 7th Street Yard where he held positions as messenger and patrolman, transferring to clerk in the Transportation Dept. in 1941. He spent six months as a railway mail clerk in 1943, returning to the Rio Grande in 1944 as a clerk in Freight Accounting, now Revenue Accounting, where he held various clerical positions until his retirement.



Chadwick B. Spinner began his Rio Grande career as a clerk in the Local Freight Station at Denver in January 1951. He held positions as clerk, North Yard; general clerk, Freight Office; interchange clerk, 7th Street Yard, transferring to investigator, Freight Claim Dept., in December 1961 and transferring to clerk, Revenue Accounting in March 1974, the position he held at retirement.

Fellow employees were on hand to share coffee and cake and offer their best wishes for the future.

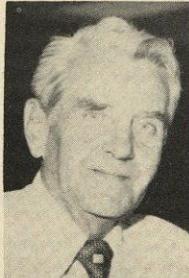
Jack Dooley and family enjoyed a New England sojourn, but the blue sky of Colorado still looks the best.

This reporter is writing "30" as a scribe for this department. Before the next *Green Light* is published, I will be a "drop out" by joining the ranks of the retired after 35 1/2 years of enjoyable service on the Rio Grande.

(Many thanks for your efforts in reporting for the *Green Light*.—Ed.)

Expenditures Accounting

John T. Dewan, timekeeper, elected to apply for his annuity on August 2nd.



A native of Pueblo where he attended school, John began his railroad career while attending school as a messenger in the Transportation Dept. during the summer of 1927. After finishing school, he decided a railroad career was to his liking and was re-employed in March

1929 as a messenger in the Division Office at Pueblo. During his career he was a clerk at Trinidad; Cashier at Canon City; cashier, revising clerk and operator at Trinidad; statistical clerk at Pueblo; report-statistical clerk in the Superintendent's Office at Denver; transferred to timekeeper at Denver in March 1949; and transferred to division timekeeper in April 1962, the position he held at retirement.

His many friends wish him all the best of luck for the future.

Transportation Dept.

Two well-known dispatchers on the Rio Grande chose to apply for their annuities on June 30. Both men came to the Rio Grande from the Moffat Road at the consolidation.



Malcolm F. Harnman joined the D&SL as a telephonist in February 1929 and promoted to dispatcher in June 1943. He saw service in this capacity at Sulphur and continued as dispatcher when the Rio Grande and the D&SL consolidated in 1947. He transferred to Denver in 1956 where he remained until his retirement. He had 45 years' railroad service.

John C. Phillips, who had prior railroad service with the Union Pacific, was employed by the D&SL in October 1934 as a telegrapher-operator at Plainview. He transferred to Winter Park in 1935 and was promoted to dispatcher in 1944. He was a dispatcher at Denver at the time of the consolidation and remained in that capacity until retirement. He had over 41 years' railroad service.

Friends of Malcolm and John were on hand to wish them the best of everything for the future.

From the Tenth

By Jeanne Gustafson

Congratulations to the M. G. Stanley family on the birth of a son, Michael Gillum. Papa Gerry, asst. to signal engineer, and wife have one other son, Miles Gerald, Jr. Gerry says the baby has his looks and his mother's disposition. This is the third generation the initials MGS has been in the family.

The genial and talented Clarence Froid has been at it again. He recently made his organ debut at his high school reunion at Ft. Collins, Class of '29. There was a record attendance of 85, including six teachers. One member made the appropriate remark, quotes Clarence: "It sure is nice to see all these old faces—and new teeth." Hope they will be meeting together again for many new smiles to come.

Welcome to Jayne Specht as steno-clerk as a result of Ella Lebsack moving to the Chief Mechanical Officer's Dept. on the position vacated by Mildred Rawlins, retired.

Harold Eason, wife and friends went jeeping over mountainous trails just to see where they went. They found out — right into the mud. The jeeping party spent an hour digging out on the Continental Divide, but that didn't dampen their enthusiasm. The two-day expedition covered many trails, and they are looking forward to future trips.

Mike Kenyon and family visited relatives in Missouri, consuming quantities of good farm cooking with lots of coconut cream pie and attending a real live farm auction where some of those "antiques" from the good old days were sold. Too bad Mike didn't have a flat car and lots of cash to carry them home.

Leo Phelan and family rafted down the Gunnison River and survived that exciting experience in time to take his wife on a 25th anniversary trip to Las Vegas, where he financed the slot machines and she won the money. Best wishes to both and maybe in another 25 years Leo will win the game.

Lots of fishing going on. Can't say how many were caught by George Cristafano, Bob England and wife, Gerry Stanley and family on Grand Mesa. Wells Knapp and family spent some time at Red Feather Lakes, and Ella Lebsack and husband got a nice sunburn while fishing and also entertained guests from Indiana.

Bob Oatman, Tiger Evans, Jerry Kay, Bob Rudd, Don Maris, Art Morrell, Harry Phillips, Bob England and Gerry Stanley have been working on their golf games.

Millie Retires

July 31 was a day of mixed emotions for Mildred Rawlins, secretary in the Chief Mechanical Officer's Dept., after almost 30 years with the Rio Grande with a few months with the U.P. and D&SL.



Millie began her railroad career, as quite a few of the 30- and 40-year employees did, on a temporary job in the Statistical Dept. in Sept. 1942. She transferred to the Burnham Mechanical Dept. as a steno-clerk in 1942. During her railroad career she saw service as a steno-clerk in the Store Dept., Mechanical Dept., Accounting Dept., Chief Engineer's Office, Consolidated Machine Bureau, Law Dept., transferred to secretary in the Engineering Dept. in June, 1962, and transferred to secretary in the Mechanical Dept. on June 1, 1966, the position she held at retirement.

Millie's plans are to visit her son and family in California with a Caribbean Cruise following the NARBW Convention in Florida next year.

All will miss Millie and hope she has a long and joyful retirement.

Personnel

A hurry and get well is wished for Mrs. John Lovett who is in St. Joseph's Hospital recuperating from surgery.

Vern Immroth's daughter No. 3, Virginia, will be attending Colorado State University this fall. They do grow up.

System Freight Agency

By Charles Cutforth

A quick recovery is wished for Bill Benton's mother and John Dolphin's mother as each of them fell and broke a hip. At this writing they are mending very well.

Sincere condolences are extended to the Ed Salazar family on the passing of his mother after a long illness. This follows the loss of his father just three months earlier.

June was a busy month for the Cutforth family with daughter, Zora Lea, graduating from Wheaton College in Illinois with honors on the 3rd, and her wedding to John Darrow, Mountain Bell operations analyst, June 15. Sandwiched in between was a singing tour by the Cut4th family singers in the midwest. Bride and groom are happily housed in Lakewood.

Dave and Ethelmae Greear spent a couple of weeks in California visiting with daughter, Judy; husband, Bruce; and their children. Ethelmae had been there for a month until Judy recovered from a long hospital stay.

Gary and Joy Burnett and children went to a family reunion in Kansas. John and Tish Dolphin drove to Iowa. Both families were glad to return to Cool Colorado.

Cindy and Roger Flores moved into their new Woods Brothers home. They report it is wonderful except for the yard work.

Visiting from Salt Lake City were the Vito Abattos, parents of Mike. Vito, now retired from the Roper Diesel Shop, is actively working for the D.A.V. where he is an officer.

Traffic Dept.

By Bob Hulstrom

A welcome to Rose Yura as a stenographer to this department.

This department would like to thank all those who donated blood for the late Ed Young. A total of 55 pints were replaced at the Blood Bank. This was one of Ed's last requests and this accomplishment is greatly appreciated.

Winston A. Hollard, pricing analyst, retired August 1, after more than 49 years service with the Rio Grande.

Hollard, a native Denverite, joined the Rio Grande as a messenger in the Passenger Dept. at Denver in July 1925 and subsequently held positions as office boy, file clerk, transferring in the same capacity in the Freight Traffic Dept. and progressed to junior rate clerk, senior rate clerk, chief rate clerk, asst. to freight traffic manager, was appointed asst. general freight agent in July 1959 and appointed pricing analyst in Sept. 1966, the position he held at retirement.

During his sojourn with the Rio Grande he held various offices in the Rocky Mountain Chapter of ICC Practitioners and was elected chairman of the association in Sept. 1972; was Man-of-the-Year in the Delta Nu Alpha Transportation Fraternity in Dec. 1971; taught tariff classes at Emily Griffith Opportunity School in Denver; became eligible to practice before the ICC in 1953; and was a member of the Denver Traffic Club.

Winston and wife, Bessie, will remain in the Denver area.

Best wishes to Glenn L. Keeton who applied for his annuity on June 19.

Glenn joined the Rio Grande in October 1961 as a messenger in Data Processing Dept. at Denver transferring in November as clerk, Traffic Dept. and subsequently held positions as code clerk, file clerk, transportation clerk in Passenger Traffic and on November 1, 1964 was appointed depot passenger agent, the position he held at retirement.

Before joining the Rio Grande, Glenn had a total of 38 years railroad service with the ART Co. and Missouri Pacific Railroad. Prior to that he was a surveyor with the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads.

Best wishes follow Glenn into retirement from his many friends.

A familiar face seen around the Denver Union Station at departure time for the Rio Grande Zephyr relinquished that role when he decided to take his retirement on June 30.

Douglas Frazier, district passenger agent at Denver, was honored at an office party on April 19 at which time he began his vacation which would lead into his "official" retirement.



Doug, as he was known in railroad circles, joined the Rio Grande as a clerk in the Operating Dept. at Colorado Springs in April 1942. While there, he saw service as information clerk, relief clerk, ticket clerk, ticket agent, transferring to Denver in 1950 as ticket clerk, city ticket agent in 1951, appointed city passenger agent on November 1, 1951 with a title change in April 1952 to district passenger agent, the position he held until retirement.

During the early part of his career he handled many reservations for military personnel during World War II. For the past several years, in addition to his regular duties, he was Rio Grande's representative on the ski train each weekend. His willingness to help all types of train travelers will be missed at train time.

Many years of happiness and good health were the wishes of his many friends.

Congratulations and best wishes to Michael G. Hoffman and Susan Frost who were married on June 22nd at the First Baptist Church at Klamath Falls, Ore. The happy couple spent their honeymoon while en route to Detroit where he is office manager in Rio Grande's Detroit office.

Word from Pittsburgh is that E. King Yaeger, district manager, while playing golf with Robert M. Corcoran, GTM, U. S. Steel Corp., S. K. Johnson, DSM, Seaboard Coast Line and Leland S. Fletcher, FSM, P & LE, all of Pittsburgh, took a mighty blow with a 5 iron. The ball faded to the right, hit four feet left of the pin, bounced six feet in the air, and like a rabbit, jumped right into the hole—148 yards from the tee. Having golfed for some 40-odd years, the thrill was indescribable. A feat of that magnitude resulted in some sort of a celebration following the game. Am sure fellow duffers will agree.

From the Twelfth

By Arlis

The Twelfth Floor is proud to have the company of golf champ, M. E. Masterson.

There is much activity in our new office facilities—Suite 804 is now better known as Studio E—and added benefit is popcorn served in misplaced wastebaskets.

Too much activity in the Traffic Dept., also, four out of five could not give blood due to some type of contamination. Won't mention any names. What would dear Ole Casey Jones think of all these goings on?

Ev. Willimek zips in as he commutes between Minnesota and California. Happy to report he is looking great and is anticipating "inheriting" a new son-in-law.

Rio Grande

R. C. Schulte, asst. treasurer, didn't get his hand caught in the cash drawer—he sprained his wrist doing household chores. Also, C. W. Colbong's black eye didn't come from his secretary—that was the result of a minor operation.

H. W. Bushacher enjoyed a reunion with his old army buddies in St. Louis. The old war stories thru the years have become bigger and bigger.

Would you believe 62 m.p.h. is too fast on Colorado highways?

Thoughts for today:

•Prevent Shortages—Ration Politicians.

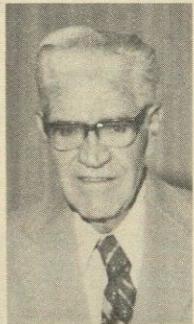
Managers have control over the most important influence on employee motivation: the granting and withholding of rewards.

If life hands you a lemon, make lemonade.

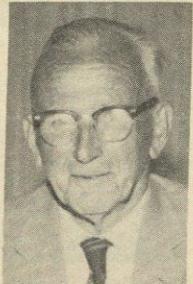
Purchasing Dept.

Two long-time employees in the Purchasing Dept., Leonard Fitzgerald and Arthur Hulstrom, have taken their annuity effective July 15.

Larry, as he was known to fellow co-workers, joined the Rio Grande in September 1925 as a messenger in the Mail Room at Denver. In 1926 he transferred to the Passenger Traffic Dept. where he remained for the next five years as a messenger and file clerk. He returned to the Mail Room in 1932 becoming associated with the Stationery Dept. as a shipping clerk in 1936, now part of the Purchasing Dept. He held positions as clerk, shipping clerk, steno-clerk, chief clerk, invoice clerk and has been lumber clerk since March 1966. He had approximately 49 years service with the Rio Grande.



C. A. "Art" Hulstrom began his railroad career as a receiving clerk in Rio Grande's Purchasing Dept. in December 1924. He held positions in that department as clerk, chief clerk, price clerk, fuel clerk, transferring to fuel accountant in July 1957, the position he held at retirement. Art had nigh on to 50 years' service with the company.



Friends and co-workers were on hand July 15 to share coffee and cake with them and to offer their best wishes for the future.

Colorado Division

Best wishes to Sarah Lucille Hudson who resigned to apply for her annuity on July 5.

Lucille was employed by the Rio Grande as a steno-clerk at Alamosa in October 1936 and held positions at that station as steno-clerk, Dispatcher's Office, secretary to Trainmaster, and steno-clerk, Superintendent's Office. She transferred to Denver in July 1953 as a steno-clerk in the Transportation Dept. and subsequently held positions as stenographer,

Freight Station, steno-clerk, Transportation Dept., and transferred to steno-clerk in the Superintendent's Office on April 9, 1962, where she remained until retirement.

A welcome to Karyn Shea as steno-clerk in the Superintendent's Office.

Colorado Springs

By Jim Kennedy

Owen Troastle, outside yard clerk, retired May 31 with 25 years' service with the Rio Grande.



In the photo E. S. Lindsey, chief clerk, is presenting Troastle with a gift from his fellow employees. A party was held at the office and all wish him many good years of retirement.

Debra Sue Gallo, daughter of T. W. Gallo, clerk, was married at Sunnyside Christian Church, June 7, to 2nd Lt. Douglas Alan Harnly. After their honeymoon trip to Honolulu, the couple will be stationed in Northern California where he will be attending school.



D. G. Curtis, clerk, and wife began construction of their mountain home while on vacation. Cecil Spaur, conductor, worked around home during his vacation. R. A. French, OS&D clerk, did some work on his mountain home, went to San Diego to pick up his son, Kenny, who was being discharged from the Marines, and returned by way of Yellowstone Park.

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Best wishes to S. C. Parker, conductor, and Mike Perkins, trainman, on their new assignment at Pueblo. Dan Barry and Dave Schmidt are welcomed as they bid in the Colorado Springs assignment.

It was nice to see Frank Enright, trainman, who has been off work due to a car accident. Best wishes for continued improvement.

Provo

By R. R. Racke

Retirement fever has struck the Provo area. Three enginemen, Fred Hoffman, George Beasley and George Peterson, after serving a good many years on the Rio Grande, have applied for their annuity. All good wishes follow them in retirement.

Tom G. Reid and Frank W. Burch, both long-time employees, have taken their retirement. Howard McFarlane, agent, gave a patio party for Tom and Frank which included a steak dinner that was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to the Andrew Christiansons who added to their family with the arrival of a baby girl. Both are doing fine.

Condolences to the Neal Thorpe family on the loss of his father.

The Gene Merrills have their daughter in the hospital for observation. We wish her a speedy recovery.

It was wedding bells for Gloria Thorpe, daughter of the Neal Thorpes, who was married on July 26 to Kent Warner Francom.

Joyce Ann Wernz, daughter of the W. B. Wernz', has been selected to participate in the "American's Youth on Concert." The group will concert at Westminster Hall, London; Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris; Geneva, Venice, Florence, the Basilica de Merenzio Concert Hall, Rome; the Vatican; and on their return they will perform at Town Hall, New York City. Joyce will sing soprano.

A graduate of Provo High, she was a member of the acappella and Hi Brows, played in the band and a member of the drama group. She comes from a family of railroaders. Her father, "Bud," is a signal maintainer; her brother, Allen, is a clerk; her grandfather, Joe, is a retired conductor.

The Franklin Petersons have their daughter and family visiting them. They have been in Germany for the past three years.

Pueblo

By Ralph Williams

Pat J. Kelly, section foreman at Pueblo, resigned to apply for his annuity on May 31.

Pat worked for the Rio Grande on the section during the summers of 1927-28, becoming a permanent employee in November 1936 as section laborer at Pinon. In March 1937 he was promoted to section foreman and held the position of foreman over the section, extra gangs and rock gangs until 1940 when he transferred to track inspector, a position he held for six years. He also held a position as assistant roadmaster at Salida. He transferred to section foreman in 1947, the position he held at several locations. He has been section foreman at Pueblo since 1966.

Pat will be associated with the Department of Transportation at the test track site at Pueblo in July. The Kellys have two married daughters, one in Pueblo and one in Colorado Springs.

His fellow employees presented him with cash and the very best of good wishes for the future.

A. C. Sipes, retired section foreman, would like to take this opportunity to thank his many friends who contributed to his retirement gift.

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Doctor: How could you beat up your own son-in-law so brutally?

Farmer: He wasn't my son-in-law then.

Roper

By Roper Jo*

Paul L. Gilmore, clerk at Roper, was guest of honor on July 25 at a gathering at 1:30 to be presented with a collection taken up by employees as a send-off for his retirement. Paul hired out as a messenger on July 8, 1927, and has worked as crew caller, interchange clerk, car checker and various other positions at Roper and Salt Lake Freight Office until his retirement on June 30.



In the photo Paul Gilmore, center, is flanked by J. A. Green, superintendent, left, and H. B. Wagner, data processing supervisor. Everyone wished Paul a long and happy retirement.

Dan Monsen, chief clerk to division engineer, returned from a Happy Voyage to the Islands of Hawaii. Dan says anyone who hasn't been over there should make an effort to go, as it is well worth the money and time. Of course, Dan was glad to get home.

Lyle Blain, clerk at the Freight Office, supervised the remodeling of his kitchen while on vacation, after which he and his wife made a trip through the Utah Canyons and Dinosaur Land. They had a great experience while in Dinosaur Land when a flash flood washed out the retaining wall by the motel. They were told they might have to evacuate, but it all washed down the street instead.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the Melvin Morris family. Melvin, an electrician helper and stoker until his disability in 1970, passed away July 22.

A speedy recovery is extended to Don Mogensen, switchman, who had back surgery, and Everett Neilson, switchman, who was involved in an accident. Hope they will soon be able to return to work.

Congratulations to R. E. Hoskins, brakeman, who is the proud father of a baby boy. Rocke's wife, Vaunnette, is doing nicely. (This makes H. A. and Jo Smith grandparents again. This is Rocke's second child.)

Congratulations to Robbie Harrison, clerk, who is also a proud father of a bouncing baby boy. This is the Harrison's first child.

Bill O'Reilly, clerk, known as "Checker Bill," applied for his annuity on July 9. Bill hired out on July 28, 1941, for the SLCUD R.R. as a porter. He transferred to the Rio Grande at Roper on July 26, 1963, and has worked various positions since. He was a checker at 30th South when he took his annuity. His co-workers wish him the best of everything for the future and know he will be missed.

*Josephine Smith

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Romeo: If I try to make love to you, will you yell for help?

Cutie: Only if you need it.

Twelve

North Yard

Isadoro C. Bustos, warehouse clerk at North Yard, resigned to apply for annuity on June 28.

Bustos joined the Rio Grande as a trucker at Alamosa in May, 1929. He transferred to Denver as a trucker in April, 1943, where he held positions as caller, check clerk, assistant delivery clerk, messenger, stoker, general clerk, and has been a clerk at the freight warehouse since March, 1970.

There was an added surprise on his last day at work when his wife; daughter, and grandson joined his fellow employees for coffee and cake. He was presented with a set of luggage which he and his wife will put to good use in the coming months.

Congratulations to Juanita Gonzales who graduated June 1 from Golden High School where she was awarded the Best All-Around Business Student. While attending high school, Juanita worked part-time doing general office work for Golden Industrial Service.

Her work was such that the company hired her on a full-time basis after graduation.

Juanita is the daughter of Joe M. Gonzales, track

welder at North Yard.

Motor Way

By J. P. Walsh

Denver

Charles Eysen, retired auditor, spent some time in the hospital. Wish him a speedy recovery.

Hawaii Calls — Enjoying a flying trip to the Islands included Lee Raper and "Ike" Campbell, Jim Amicone, Clark Nelson and their wives.

Congratulations to the Henry Whites, retired shop foreman, who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. A reception and open house was given by their children.

Recent retirements were A. B. Thompson, P&D driver, Grand Junction; H. R. Orndorff, P&D driver, Canon City; and R. C. Walton, P&D driver, Alamosa. Patrick Nash, traffic representative, resigned July 16.

Frank J. Kuretich, dock foreman, is sporting a new LTD.

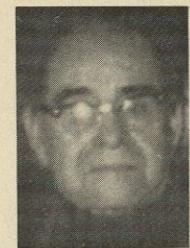
Word has been received of the death of Mert Nye, line driver at Alamosa, on July 12. Mert had been retired for some time and made his home at Del Norte.

Andrew Aucoin, clerk-messenger, reports a very fine vacation trip to the World's Fair at Spokane.

Helper

By Dom Juliano

Congratulations to the Elmer Parkers on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They were married in the LDS Temple at Salt Lake City on June 4, 1924 and have lived in Helper since 1930 when the terminal was moved from Soldier Summit. Their children honored them with an open house. Elmer retired in 1966 with 50 years service on the Rio Grande.



J. E. "Zeke" Lopez celebrated his 85th birthday. Zeke retired in 1954 with 37 years service as an engine tender, supplyman and a stationary fireman. Zeke and Nita will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 6.

Congratulations and best wishes to the following who have retired:

Eliel Matson, carman, retired July 1. Before joining the Rio Grande he worked in the mines in this area. He had 39 years service. Future plans are to work in the yard, fish and travel. They have two married daughters and four grandchildren.

William T. Murphy, machinist, retired May 30. He started working for the Rio Grande in February 1926, serving a four-year apprenticeship at Soldier Summit and Salt Lake returning to Helper as a machinist in May 1930.

Helper Vets

By Dom Juliano

The Helper Vets' Club held their Annual Picnic on August 4 at the Helper City Park. A good attendance was present, with everyone having a fine time eating the delicious food and visiting with friends. Bill and Marilyn Nielsen were in charge.

The following events have been scheduled for the balance of the year:

System Vets Convention, Grand Junction, September 14 and 15; Rio Grande Day, November 3; Children's Christmas Party, December 15; and New Year's Party, December 31.

Those wishing to serve on committees for these events may contact one of the officers.

NARBW Activities

By Rose Solem

Summer activities for the National Association of Railway Business Women began Saturday, July 27 when 38 members and guests attended the Country Dinner Playhouse Luncheon and show "Guys and Dolls." Hostess for the occasion was Ann Eckberg, president.

There will be a brunch on Sunday morning, August 25, at the Mount Vernon Country Club. Food is always abundant and delicious. For reservations call, Ann Eckberg, D&RGW, Iola McMurray, BN, or Esther Dobberteen. Reservations no later than August 19. FLASH: The first fall meeting, Saturday, Sept. 21. Mazie Hester, public affairs chairman, has big things planned with a bus trip to Old Hermitage House, Loveland, for luncheon and films in relation to public affairs. More details later, but, Y'all Come!

Rio Grande

Burnham Notes

Store Dept.

By Dolly Fagler



Joe Jamieson, clerk, retired with over 37 years in the Store Department. Joe has held practically every position in the department. Shown with Joe on his final day at work is Pete Dimitroff, material manager, who is presenting him with a cash gift from his fellow employees. Joe and his wife will reside at DeBeque. All wish him the best of luck.

Bob Guerrieri and family are off to Hawaii for two weeks. Eddie Egan enjoyed his vacation just loafin' and visiting his grandchildren at Pueblo.

This reporter returned from a four-week vacation just loafing and taking it easy.

Diesel Shop

By Elmer Schaefer



G. H. MacDONALD, shop superintendent, left, has just presented miniature locomotives in honor of their retirement to Gail (Coal Oil Johnny) Irvine, and Nick Dominico, both machinists.



GLENN McGAHA, electrician, center, received a miniature F-7 locomotive and two model skidoos as a retirement gift. With Glenn are Herb Jones, diesel foreman, left, and Richard Ellston, electrician foreman.

Many years of retirement are wished for Gail Irvine after 31 years' service and Nick Domenico with 48 years' service. Both had seen service as machinists on steam as well as diesel locomotives. Glenn McGaha, electrician, decided Wyoming was the place to retire with snowmobiling in the winter and fishing in the summer. He says visitors are always welcome.

Kenny Davidson, machinist, became a small rancher on the Western Slope when he retired with 32 years' service. Hope he has a lot of fruit to pick just to keep him out of the old rocking chair.

Green Light

The Fred Newtons enjoyed a flight to Mexico City where they saw the Pasco Silver Mines, the Guadalupe Church, pyramids and flower gardens. The children thought he was Fred the Diablo when they noticed his unique moustache.

Congratulations to the Rio Grande Shop softball team, which finished third in their league.

Sympathy is extended to the family of John Olivetti in the loss of his wife.

The William Gibsons experienced three inches of dust at Buffalo Springs and three days and nights of rain at Idlewild Campground while on their vacation.

Washington, D.C., Washington Monument, Arlington Cemetery, Smithsonian Institute, the hydraulic brakes on the Amish buggies, and some fine fishing in Colorado were enjoyed by the Frank Cummings and daughter during their vacation.

Grand Junction Vets

By Ken Graham

The Annual Picnic for Rio Grande Vets' Club No. 4 will be held at Hawthorne Park, Sunday, August 25, starting at 3:30 p.m. Box lunches will be served. All Rio Grande employees and their families may attend at 75 cents per person. Fun for all is promised.

Make special note that the dates for the Annual System Vets' Convention is September 14 and 15. The Denver Club is the host and they are planning a great time.

Salt Lake Vets

By Fred Krauth

The Salt Lake Vets, sponsors of Rio Grande Day held at Saratoga Resort on June 29, had a great time, with one of the largest groups in attendance. President Jensen would like to thank all who were responsible in making the event a success.

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PLEASE NOTE: There has been a change in dates for the System Vets' Convention at Grand Junction. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15. Please make a note and plan to get your reservations in early.

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Present plans are to have a potluck dinner on September 13, 6:30 p.m., at the Rail Ops Bldg.

Suggestions

Suggestions received for review and discussion:

15688	19034	19709
17098	19072	20594
18059	19623	20636
18328	19686	21243
18425	19698	31158
18436	19701	31996

The following suggestions were received and for various reasons were not adopted:

18327	21244	21247
19030	21246	31135
	19031	

Last month's winner was P. F. Lucero, mechanical laborer, North Yard.

Denver Vets

By Foyle Troxel

Please note the change in dates for the System Vets' Convention to SEPTEMBER 14 and 15. Make your reservations early with Iva Andrews, Phone 455-6496.

The Auxiliary rummage sale to be held September 10 at 820 W. 8th Ave. will require help in getting things displayed. Your cooperation will be most appreciated.

A regular meeting September 19 will be a potluck dinner with the meat furnished. Time: 6:30 p.m., Place: 76 Grove St.

After a stay of four months in the hospital, Okey Lundborg is home and improving nicely, but it will be a while before he will be attending activities. Bernard Kowpke is recovering from a long spell of infection and two weeks in the hospital. Their daughter came from New Orleans to visit during his illness.

Elizabeth Green is recuperating at home after leg surgery. She would appreciate cards. Esther Clancy is still in General Rose Hospital. Best wishes for complete recovery to these members.

Enjoying trips were Kathryn and Bill Sealy, who rode the train to Salt Lake City, and then took a bus tour to Glacier National Park; Ellen and Larry Crittenden accompanied friends on a trip to various places in California, later spending a week with their son at Albuquerque. Verna and Fred Snyder, along with Fern and Bill Hicks, went to Glenwood Springs by train for a few days. The Hicks' went on to visit their daughter at Glenrock, Wyo.

Iva and Lee Andrews joined their friends, Charlotte and Lawrence Johnson, at Strawberry Lake to fish for a few days. They also did some fishing in the Gunnison area. Lois and Frank McDonald flew to Bates Beach, Vancouver Island, to spend a week with friends and to fish. They brought home some nice salmon. Charles and I spent a few days in Grand Junction and Glenwood Springs.

Thanks to all who participated in the Rio Grande Picnic at Lakeside Park. It was a hot day, so the pop and ice cream servers were busy. A good crowd attended.

Leavell Activities

A hole-in-one was accomplished by "Resident Pro" Bill Buckley on the 10th hole at the Lodge in Cloudcroft, New Mexico on July 6.

In the photo, Joe Hanson, house and apartment builder, left, is presenting a trophy to Bill at the Home Builders Association Board of Directors meeting on July 11. In accepting the trophy, Bill indicated it would only be fitting to have a statue made for the Board Room. He also said additional details of the hole-in-one or extra prints of the photo may be obtained.

If anyone is interested in golf lessons, contact Bill — outrageously priced, but understandably so.



Capital punishment is when the government taxes you to get capital so that it can go into business in competition with you, and then taxes the profits on your business in order to pay its losses.

Rio Grande Fun Days at Denver



Lakeside Park was the setting and July 6th was the day the Veteran's Club held their Rio Grande Day picnic. There were rides for adults and children, ice cream and pop, climaxed by a drawing for prizes. The many who attended had an enjoyable time.

Salida Vets

By Mary B. Cassidy

The Salida Vets' Club wondered how this summer's picnic would be since all the actively employed Salida railroad men have moved to Pueblo with but few exceptions.

Members of this club who can get around to enjoy get-togethers make a point of doing so. Herb Cole, president, was happy to report that the picnic drew some 145 persons.

A severe hail storm on Monarch Pass, which deposited two inches of hail, didn't spoil the picnic fun for Al Pauly, Ed Marshall and Nick Margos, who drove over from Grand Junction. Betty Clark drove over from Minturn to be in attendance.

The crowd enjoyed roast beef, baked ham, macaroni salad, baked beans, French bread, ice cream and refreshments.

The Salida Club holds four social events a year and is one of the liveliest clubs on the Rio Grande System.

Grand Junction Site of Vet's Convention

The System Vets' Convention will be held at Grand Junction on September 14 and 15. The Denver Club will be the host for this year's activities.

Schedule of Events

Saturday—September 14

Registration	Depot	10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bus Arrival	From Salt Lake City & Provo	12:30 p.m.
Train Arrival	From Denver	2:25 p.m.
Business Meeting	Elks' Home	3:30 p.m.
Hospitality Room	City Center Motel	1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Social Hour	Cafe Caravan	6:00 p.m.
Dinner-Dance	Cafe Caravan	7:00 p.m.

Sunday—September 15

Business Meeting	Hospitality Room	9:30 a.m.
Catered Picnic	Hawthorne Park	11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Train Departure	For Denver	1:25 p.m.
Bus Departure	To Salt Lake City & Provo	1:30 p.m.

PLAN TO ATTEND

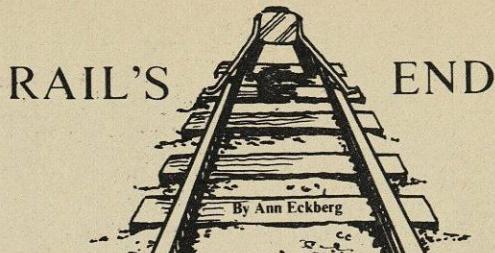
The Grande People

By Ann Eckberg

Retirements

(Years of Service and Date Shown)

Anderson, Clarence P., Helper, Clerk, 28, Jan. 15.
 Brookshire, Logan J., Salida, Trainman, 32, May 28.
 Calvin, William M., Salt Lake City, Locomotive Engineer, 45, April 14.
 Carter, Robert A., Denver, Office Manager-Pricing, 38, Jan. 1.
 Cisneros, Frank, Denver, Mechanical Laborer, 28, Feb. 1.
 Downen, Howard C., Grand Junction, General Yardmaster, 37, March 2.
 Dunbar, Orville S., Pueblo, B&B Foreman, 49, May 1.
 Fischer, Roman D., Salida, Machinist Helper, 29, June 7.
 Golden, Joe S., Grand Junction, Trainman, 29, April 20.
 Hansen, Earl H., Helper, Mechanical Laborer, 39, March 14.
 Hardman, Howard, Salt Lake City, Trainman, 30, March 26.
 Horn, Alvin E., Colorado Springs, Telegrapher, 23, July 11, 1973.
 Locke, Leo L., Malta, Section Laborer, 25, Dec. 15, 1973.
 Mahan, Wendell A., Pueblo, Switchman, 24, Feb. 16.
 McLearn, Lewis J., Grand Junction, Locomotive Engineer, 32, June 1.
 Murphy, William T., Helper, Machinist, 48, May 30.
 Nicholes, Theodore, Salt Lake City, Water Service Leadman, 38, Sept. 1, 1973.
 Roberts, Leland E., Salt Lake City, Warehouse Foreman, 45, Feb. 26.
 Troastle, Owen G., Colorado Springs, Clerk, 25, June 1.
 Walker, Hyrum R., Jr., Salt Lake City, Train Yard Foreman, 47, April 1.



(Age and Date of Death Shown)

Amann, Ellis B., Pueblo, Locomotive Engineer, 70, July 6.
 Barbeau, Robert R., Denver, Coach Shop Foreman, 57, June 3.
 Barlow, Samuel G., Denver, Lead Janitor, 68, June 12.
 Bellinger, Lester A., Castle Rock, Agent-Telegrapher, 76, May 1974.
 Blackett, Harvey B., Sandy, Switchman, 54, May 24.
 Bushman, Allen R., Denver, Machinist Helper, 80, May 1974.
 Carelli, Nick, Denver, Carman, 67, July 18.
 Cottrell, Rupert C., Salt Lake City, Conductor, 79, May 1974.
 Cunningham, Benny J., Bond, Cook, 45, July 25.
 Dean, Ernest N., Grand Junction, Conductor, 71, July 28.
 Denman, George C., Denver, Locomotive Engineer, 87, April 27.
 Espinoza, Louis, Sandy, Section Laborer, 85, April 26.
 Farmer, William R., Grand Junction, Locomotive Engineer, 75, May 19.
 Gilmore, Theodore, Denver, Locomotive Engineer, 75, July 3.
 Haws, John M., Ogden, Switchman, 71, July 5.
 Henley, Melvin J., Denver, System Mechanical Officer, 52, July 6.
 Herdman, Eric B., Denver, Director of Personnel, 77, June 22.
 Hood, Warren M., Salida, Machinist, 87, April 20.
 Luke, Adelbert A., Pueblo, Pipefitter, 69, April 30.
 Martinez, Lucas, Lumberton, Section Foreman, 82, May 29.
 McElvain, Carl R., Grand Junction, Carman, 63, July 20.
 Miller, James R., Grand Junction, Machinist, 75, June 3.
 Mitchener, Charles E., Salt Lake City, Clerk, 88, April 4.
 Morris, Melvin H., Salt Lake City, Stoker, 52, July 22.
 Neville, John E., Salt Lake City, Carman, 80, May 24.
 Perez, Anastacio, Grand Junction, Section Laborer, 77, April 25.
 Price, William P., Montrose, Locomotive Engineer, 89, April 27.
 Sommers, Lawrence F., Pueblo, Train Yard Foreman, 75, May 1974.
 Swanson, Omaha E., Denver, Secretary, 81, May 29.
 Thomas, Vernon R., Salt Lake City, Locomotive Engineer, 71, July 12.
 Trujillo, Pedro R., Walsenburg, Section Laborer, 90, April 18.
 Woolery, Downing O., Littleton, Telegrapher, 86, June 1974.

—NOTICE—

System Vets' Convention

September 14 - 15, 1974

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"Mini Unit Trains" Ease the Ful Crisis

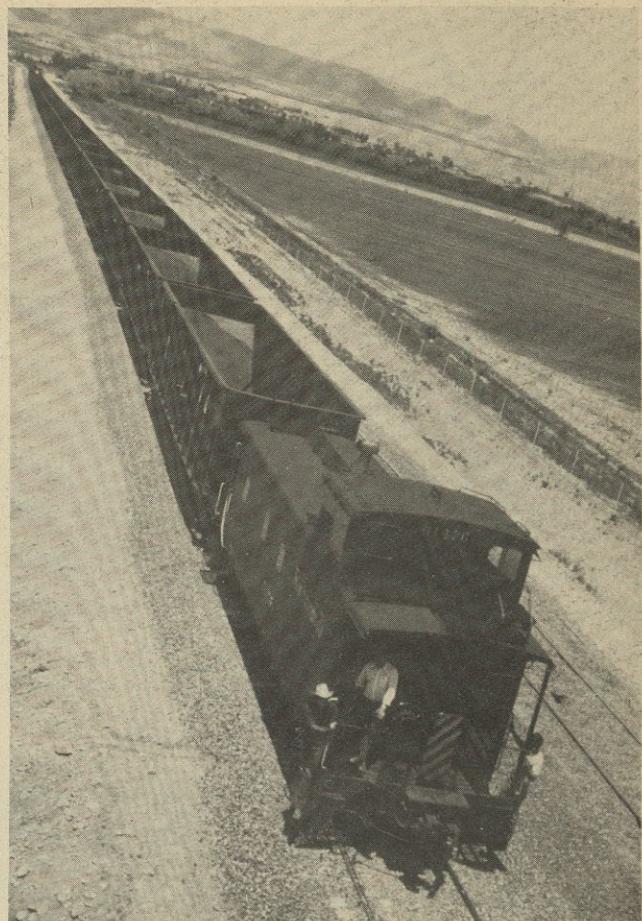
On June 3, the Rio Grande began operating a 3,000-ton "Mini Unit Coal Train" from Acco, Utah, to Utah Power and Light Plant at Gadsby, located near Salt Lake City, and to Carbon Power Plant at Castle Gate. The 31-car trains will make three round trips a week to each plant.

Acco is located on a new two-mile rail spur between Wellington and Price, Utah. The Salt Lake Garfield and Western Railway will make final delivery into the Gadsby Plant, with Rio Grande making the Carbon Plant delivery.

It is estimated this new business will deliver 400,000 tons of coal a year to both the Gadsby and Carbon plants.



PRESENT WHEN THE FIRST TRAIN WAS LOADED shown from left are: Donal J. Watkins, Utah Power and Light; Rex Firth, vice president and general manager, Salt Lake Garfield & Western R.R.; Jim Holandsworth, R. G. district manager; Provo; George Harmond, owner, Harmond Electric; Mike Kandaris, R. G. trainmaster, Helper; and Gary Benewitz, market director—Fuels, Denver. (Sun Advocate Photo)



THE FIRST TRAIN arrives at Acco for loading.



CARS ARE LOADED as train slowly moves under the loading chute.



HUGE PILES OF COAL are ready for loading for shipment to Gadsby and Carbon Plants.



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